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Project Location: Within the California Department of Transportation's (Caltrans) right of way along rural conventional highways throughout the 11 counties in Caltrans District 3: Butte, Colusa, El Dorado, Glenn, Nevada, Placer, Sacramento, Sierra, Sutter, Yolo, and Yuba.

Co/Rte/KP/PM: Multiple counties, routes, and post miles; see Project Location above.

PPNO: 2105

Project Description: Proposal for an archaeological site inventory of Caltrans District 3 right of way along 1,050 miles of rural conventional highways.

Project Scope: Electronic records search, pedestrian survey of sites, and entry into GIS database of archaeological sites within Caltrans District 3 right of way.

Existing Funding: IIP: \$1,050,000
RIP: \$0
Other: \$0

Future Funding Need: \$0

Total Estimated Cost: \$1,050,000

Project Schedule: Completed by April 2007

PROJECT INFORMATION

Purpose & Need for the Project:

Project Need: There are gaps in the archaeological inventory and data, at a statewide level, which need to be closed.

Project Purpose: An inventory of Caltrans District 3 historical and prehistoric archaeological sites within the right of way of State rural conventional highways would be part of the ongoing process of completing the inventory and closing data gaps at a statewide level. The inventory would be completed by means of a records search of existing site information from the State Office of Historic Preservation's California Historical Resources Information System (CHRIS) and a pedestrian survey of an estimated 90% of the total rural conventional highway miles in District 3. This project includes electronic entry of site data into Caltrans' GIS database. Information on new sites will also be provided to the appropriate archaeological information centers and to CHRIS.